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## A Note on the Stability Spectrum of Generic Structures

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### Abstract

「超安定であるが  $\omega$  安定でないような  $\mathbf{K}$ -generic 構造が存在するか」という問題がある (Baldwin [1]). このノートでは, クラス  $\mathbf{K}$  が部分グラフに関して閉じているときは, そのような  $\mathbf{K}$ -generic 構造が存在しないことを示した. なお, このノートは [4] の内容を整理・改良したものである.

Let  $L$  be a countable relational language and  $\mathbf{K}$  a class of finite  $L$ -structures closed under subgraphs. Let  $\overline{\mathbf{K}}$  be a class of  $L$ -structures such that any finite substructure belongs to  $\mathbf{K}$ .

**Definition 1** Let  $ABC \in \overline{\mathbf{K}}$ . Then  $B$  and  $C$  are said to be *free over  $A$*  (in symbol,  $B \perp_A C$ ), if it satisfies the following:

- (i)  $B \cap C \subset A$ ;
- (ii)  $R^{ABC} = R^{AB} \cup R^{AC}$  for any  $R \in L$ .

**Remark 2** Let  $ABCD \in \overline{\mathbf{K}}$ . Then

- (i) If  $A \perp_B C$  and  $A \perp_{BC} D$ , then  $A \perp_{BCD}$ .
- (ii) If  $BC \perp_A D$ , then  $B \perp_{CA} D$ .
- (iii) If  $BC \perp_A D$ , then  $B \perp_A C$  if and only if  $B \perp_D C$ .

**Definition 3**  $\delta : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{\geq 0}$  is said to be a *predimension*, if

- (i) if  $A \cong B \in \mathbf{K}$ , then  $\delta(A) = \delta(B)$ ;
- (ii)  $\delta(\emptyset) = 0$ ;
- (iii) for all  $AB \in \mathbf{K}$ ,  $\delta(A/B) \leq \delta(A/A \cap B)$ ;
- (iv) there is no infinite chain  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$  of  $A_i \in \mathbf{K}$  with  $\delta(A_i) > \delta(A_{i+1})$  for

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$i \in \omega$ ;

(v) for any  $AB \in \mathbf{K}$ ,  $A \perp_{A \cap B} B$  if and only if  $\delta(A/B) = \delta(A/A \cap B)$ ;

(vi) for any  $ABCD \in \mathbf{K}$  with  $B \cap ACD = \emptyset$ ,  $\delta(B/AC) - \delta(B/A) \leq \delta(B/DAC) - \delta(B/DA)$ ,

where  $\delta(X/Y)$  means  $\delta(XY) - \delta(Y)$ .

**Definition 4** (i) For  $A \subset B \in \overline{\mathbf{K}}$ , we define  $A \leq B$ , if  $\delta(X/A') \geq 0$  for any finite  $X \subset B - A$  and  $A' \subset A$ . For  $A \subset B \in \overline{\mathbf{K}}$ , define  $\text{cl}_B(A) = \bigcap \{A' : A \subset A' \leq B\}$ . By the definition of a predimension, there exists such a  $\text{cl}_B(A)$ , and moreover if  $A$  is finite, then so is  $\text{cl}_B(A)$ .

(ii) Fix  $M \in \overline{\mathbf{K}}$ . For finite  $A \subset M$ , define  $d_M(A) = \delta(\text{cl}_M(A))$ . For finite  $B \subset M$ ,  $d_M(A/B) = d_M(AB) - d_M(B)$ . For infinite  $B$ ,  $d_M(A/B) = \inf \{d_M(A/B') : B' \subset B \text{ finite}\}$ . For (possibly) infinite  $A, B, C \subset M$ ,  $d_M(B/C) = d_M(B/A)$  means  $d_M(B'/C) = d_M(B'/A)$  for any finite  $B' \subset B$ .

(iii) A countable  $L$ -structure  $M$  is said to be  $(\mathbf{K}, \leq)$ -generic, if  $A \in \mathbf{K}$  for any finite  $A \subset M$ ; If  $A \leq B \in \mathbf{K}$ , then there is  $B' \cong_A B$  with  $B' \leq M$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a big model. The following facts can be found in [2], [5] and [6].

**Fact 5** Let  $B, C \leq \mathcal{M}$  and  $A = B \cap C$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $d(B/C) = d(B/A)$ ;
- (ii)  $B \perp_A C$  and  $BC \leq \mathcal{M}$ .

**Proof** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). First we show that  $BC \leq \mathcal{M}$ . If not, then there are  $\bar{b} \in B, \bar{c} \in C, \bar{e} \in \text{cl}(\bar{b}\bar{c}) - BC$  with  $\delta(\bar{e}/\bar{b}\bar{c}) = -\gamma < 0$ . Take  $\bar{a} \leq A$  with  $d(\bar{b}/\bar{a}) - d(\bar{b}/A) < \gamma/2$  and  $d(\bar{c}/\bar{a}) - d(\bar{c}/A) < \gamma/2$ . Let  $\bar{b}' = \text{cl}(\bar{b}\bar{a})$  and  $\bar{c}' = \text{cl}(\bar{c}\bar{a})$ . Then  $d(\bar{b}'\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) = d(\bar{b}\bar{c}/\bar{a}) \geq d(\bar{b}\bar{c}/A) = d(\bar{b}/A\bar{c}) + d(\bar{c}/A) = d(\bar{b}/A) + d(\bar{c}/A) > d(\bar{b}/\bar{a}) + d(\bar{c}/\bar{a}) - \gamma = \delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{a}) + \delta(\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) - \gamma \geq \delta(\bar{b}'\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) - \gamma$ . On the other hand, we have  $d(\bar{b}'\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) \leq \delta(\bar{e}\bar{b}'\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) \leq \delta(\bar{b}'\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) + \delta(\bar{e}/\bar{b}'\bar{c}') = \delta(\bar{b}'\bar{c}'/\bar{a}) - \gamma$ . A contradiction. Next we show that  $B \perp_A C$ . If not, then there are  $\bar{b} \in B, \bar{c} \in C$  with  $\delta(\bar{b}/\bar{c}) < \delta(\bar{b}/\bar{a})$  where  $\bar{a} = \bar{b} \cap \bar{c}$ . Let  $\gamma = \delta(\bar{b}/\bar{a}) - \delta(\bar{b}/\bar{c})$ . Take  $\bar{a}' \leq A$  with  $\bar{a} \subset \bar{a}'$  and  $d(\bar{b}/\bar{a}') - d(\bar{b}/A) < \gamma$ . Let  $\bar{b}' = \text{cl}(\bar{a}'\bar{b})$  and  $\bar{c}' = \text{cl}(\bar{a}'\bar{c})$ . By remark, we have  $\delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{a}') - \delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{c}\bar{a}') \geq \delta(\bar{b}/\bar{a}) - \delta(\bar{b}/\bar{c}) = \gamma$ . Then  $\delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{c}\bar{a}') \geq d(\bar{b}'/\bar{c}A) = d(\bar{b}'/A) = d(\bar{b}/A) > d(\bar{b}/\bar{a}') - \gamma = \delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{a}') - \gamma \geq \delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{c}\bar{a}')$ . A contradiction.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). If not, then there are  $\bar{b} \in B, \bar{c} \in C$  with  $d(\bar{b}/\bar{c}) < d(\bar{b}/A)$ . By (ii), we can take  $\bar{b}', \bar{c}'$  such that  $\bar{b} \subset \bar{b}' \leq B, \bar{c} \subset \bar{c}' \leq C, \bar{b}' \perp_{\bar{a}'} \bar{c}'$  and  $\bar{b}'\bar{c}' \leq \mathcal{M}$  where  $\bar{a}' = \bar{b}' \cap \bar{c}'$ . Then  $d(\bar{b}/\bar{c}) = \delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{c}') = \delta(\bar{b}'/\bar{a}') \geq d(\bar{b}/\bar{a}') \geq d(\bar{b}/A)$ . A contradiction.

**Fact 6** Let  $B, C \leq \mathcal{M}$  and  $A = B \cap C$  be algebraically closed. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\text{tp}(B/C)$  does not fork over  $A$ ;
- (ii)  $B \perp_A C$  and  $BC \leq \mathcal{M}$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Suppose that  $B \downarrow_A C$ . Take a sufficiently saturated model  $N \supset A$  with  $BC \downarrow_A N$ . Then we have  $B \downarrow_N C$  and  $B \downarrow_A N$ .

Claim 1:  $d(B/N) = d(B/NC)$ .

Proof: If  $d(B/N) > d(B/NC)$ , then there are  $\bar{b} \in B, \bar{c} \in NC$  with  $d(\bar{b}/N) > d(\bar{b}/\bar{c})$ . Take countable  $A_0 \subset N$  with  $\bar{b}\bar{c} \downarrow_{A_0} N$ . By the saturation of  $N$ , we can pick  $\bar{c}' \in N$  with  $\text{stp}(\bar{c}/A_0) = \text{stp}(\bar{c}'/A_0)$ . Since  $\bar{b}\bar{c} \downarrow_{A_0} N$  and  $\bar{b} \downarrow_N \bar{c}$ , we have  $\bar{b} \downarrow_{A_0} \bar{c}$  and  $\bar{b} \downarrow_{A_0} \bar{c}'$ . Hence  $\text{tp}(\bar{b}\bar{c}/A_0) = \text{tp}(\bar{b}\bar{c}'/A_0)$ . Then  $d(b/\bar{c}) = d(b/\bar{c}') \geq d(b/N)$ . A contradiction.

Claim 2:  $d(B/A) = d(B/N)$ .

Proof: Let  $B^* = \text{acl}(B)$ . We can take  $A_1$  with  $d(B^*/N) = d(B^*/A_1)$  where  $A \subset A_1 \subset N$  and  $|A_1| = |B| + \aleph_0$ .  $A_1 \text{ acl}???$  By the saturation of  $N$  there is  $A_2 \subset N$  with  $\text{tp}(A_2/A) = \text{tp}(A_1/A)$  and  $A_1 \downarrow_A A_2$ . Note that  $A_1 \downarrow_{B^*} A_2$  by  $B \downarrow_A N$ . Let  $B_1^* = \text{cl}(A_1 B^*)$  and  $B_2^* = \text{cl}(A_2 B^*)$ . Then  $B_1^* \cap B_2^* = B^*$ . By fact 6, we have  $B_1^* N, B_2^* N \leq \mathcal{M}$  since  $d(B^*/N) = d(B^*/A_1) = d(B^*/A_2)$ . Hence  $B^* N = B_1^* N \cap B_2^* N \leq \mathcal{M}$ . On the other hand, we have  $B^* \perp_A N$ . (Proof: Suppose that  $B^* \not\perp_A N$ . Note that  $B^* \perp_{A_1} N$  and  $B^* \perp_{A_2} N$  since  $d(B^*/N) = d(B^*/A_1) = d(B^*/A_2)$ . So we have  $B^* \not\perp_{A_1} A_1$  and  $B^* \not\perp_{A_2} A_2$ . Since  $A_1 \downarrow_A A_2$ , we have  $A_1 \cap A_2 = A$ . A contradiction. ) Hence  $d(B/N) = d(B/A)$ .

By claim 1,2, we have  $d(B/A) = d(B/NC)$ , and hence  $d(B/A) = d(B/C)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Take  $B'$  such that  $\text{tp}(B'/C)$  does not fork over  $A$  and  $\text{tp}(B/A) = \text{tp}(B'/A)$ . By (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii), we have  $B' \perp_A C$  and  $B'C \leq \mathcal{M}$ . So we have  $\text{tp}(BC/A) = \text{tp}(B'C/A)$ , and hence  $\text{tp}(B/C)$  does not fork over  $A$ .

For each  $A \leq B \in \mathbf{K}$ ,  $B$  is said to be *minimal*, if  $C = A$  or  $B$  for any  $C$  with  $A \leq C \leq B$ .

**Lemma 7** Let  $A \leq B \in \mathbf{K}$  with  $B \leq \mathcal{M}$ . Let  $B$  be minimal over  $A$ . If  $\text{tp}(B/A)$  is algebraic, then  $B \perp_A C$  for any  $C \leq \mathcal{M}$  with  $B \cap C = A$ .

**Proof** Suppose that  $\delta(B/C) < \delta(B/A)$  for some  $C \leq BC \in \mathbf{K}$  with  $B \cap C = A$ .

Claim: There is a set  $\{B_i\}_{i < \omega}$  of copies of  $B$  over  $A$  with the following conditions:

- (i)  $C \leq CB_j \leq CB_0 B_1 \cdots B_i \in \mathbf{K}$  for each  $j \leq i < \omega$ ;
- (ii)  $B_i \cap B_j = A$  for each  $j < i < \omega$ ;
- (iii)  $B_i, C$  are free over  $A$  for each  $i < \omega$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $\{B_i\}_{i \leq n}$  has been defined. By our assumption, we have  $C \leq CB \in \mathbf{K}$ , and by (i) we have  $C \leq CB_0 B_1 \cdots B_n \in \mathbf{K}$ . By amalgamation, we can take a copy  $B^*$  of  $B$  over  $C$  such that  $CB_0 \cdots B_n, CB^* \leq CB_0 \cdots B_n B^* \in \mathbf{K}$ . By (iii) and  $\delta(B^*/C) < \delta(B^*/A)$ , we have  $B_i \neq B^*$  for all  $i \leq n$ . Since  $B$  is minimal over  $A$ , we have  $B^* \cap B_i = A$ . Since  $\mathbf{K}$  is closed under  $L$ -subgraphs, there is  $B_{n+1} \cong_{AB_0 B_1 \cdots B_n} B^*$  such that  $CB_0 B_1 \cdots B_n B_{n+1} \in \mathbf{K}$  and  $B_{n+1}, C$  are free over  $A$ . So (ii) and (iii) hold. It is not difficult to check that  $CB_j \leq CB_0 B_1 \cdots B_{n+1} \in \mathbf{K}$  for each  $j \leq n+1$ . So (i) holds. (End of Proof of Claim)

By claim, we have  $AB_j \leq AB_0 \dots B_i \in \mathbf{K}$  for each  $j \leq i < \omega$ . We can assume that  $AB_0 \dots B_i \leq \mathcal{M}$ . Thus we have  $\text{tp}(B_j/A) = \text{tp}(B/A)$  for each  $j \leq i$ . By (ii) of claim,  $B_j$ 's are pairwise distinct. Hence  $\text{tp}(B/A)$  is not algebraic.

**Lemma 8** Let  $A \leq B \in \mathbf{K}$  with  $B \leq \mathcal{M}$ . Let  $B$  be minimal over  $A$ . If  $\text{tp}(B/A)$  is algebraic, then  $BC \leq \mathcal{M}$  for any  $C \leq \mathcal{M}$  with  $B \cap C = A$ .

**Proof** Suppose by way of contradiction that  $BC \not\leq \mathcal{M}$  for some  $C \leq \mathcal{M}$  with  $B \cap C = A$ . Then there is finite  $X \subset \mathcal{M} - BC$  such that  $\delta(X/BC) < 0$ .

Claim 1: There is a set  $\{B_i\}_{i < \omega}$  of copies of  $B$  with the following conditions:

- (i)  $B_i \cong_{CB_0 \dots B_{i-1}} B$  for each  $i < \omega$ ;
- (ii)  $CB_0 \dots B_i, CB_0 \dots B_{i-1}BX \leq CB_0 \dots B_iBX \in \mathbf{K}$  for each  $i < \omega$ ;
- (iii)  $XB \cap B_i = B_j \cap B_i = A$  for each  $j < i < \omega$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $\{B_i\}_{i \leq n}$  has been defined. By (ii),  $CB_0 \dots B_n \leq CB_0 \dots B_nBX \in \mathbf{K}$ , and so we have  $CB_0 \dots B_n \leq CB_0 \dots B_nB \in \mathbf{K}$ . By amalgamation, we can take a copy  $B_{n+1}$  of  $B$  over  $CB_0 \dots B_n$  such that  $CB_0 \dots B_nBX, CB_0 \dots B_nB_{n+1} \leq CB_0 \dots B_nB_{n+1}BX \in \mathbf{K}$ . Hence (i) and (ii) hold. On the other hand,  $B_{n+1} \cap B_i = A$  for each  $i \leq n$ , since  $B_{n+1} \cong_{CB_0 \dots B_n} B$ . So, to see that (iii) holds, it is enough to show that  $B_{n+1} \cap XB = A$ . Let  $B' = B_{n+1} \cap XB$ . First, suppose that  $B' = B_{n+1}$ . Then we have  $B_{n+1} \subset BX$ , and so  $CB_{n+1} \not\leq CBX$ , since  $\delta(XB/CB_{n+1}) = \delta(XB/C) - \delta(B_{n+1}/C) = \delta(XB/C) - \delta(B/C) = \delta(X/BC) < 0$ . This contradicts our choice of  $B_{n+1}$ . Hence we have  $B' \neq B_{n+1}$ . We have to see that  $B' = A$ . This can be shown as follows: By our choice of  $B_{n+1}$ , we have  $CB_0 \dots B_nBX \leq CB_0 \dots B_nB_{n+1}BX$ , and so  $B' \leq B_{n+1}$ . Since  $B$  is minimal and  $B' \neq B_{n+1}$ , we have  $B' = A$ . (End of Proof of Claim 1)

Claim 2:  $B, B_j \leq B_0 \dots B_iB (\in \mathbf{K})$  for  $j \leq i < \omega$

Proof: We prove by induction on  $i$ . By (ii) of claim 1,  $B_0 \dots B_iB \leq B_0 \dots B_{i+1}B$ . By induction hypothesis, we have  $B, B_j \leq B_0 \dots B_iB$  for  $j \leq i$ . Hence  $B, B_j \leq B_0 \dots B_{i+1}B$  for  $j \leq i$ . So, it is enough to show that  $B_{i+1} \leq B_0 \dots B_{i+1}B$ . By induction hypothesis again, we have  $B \leq B_0 \dots B_iB$ . From (i) of claim 1, it follows that  $B_{i+1} \leq B_0 \dots B_{i+1}$ . By (ii) of claim 1,  $B_0 \dots B_{i+1} \leq B_0 \dots B_{i+1}B$ . Hence we have  $B_{i+1} \leq B_0 \dots B_{i+1}B$ . (End of Proof of Claim 2)

We show that  $\text{tp}(B/A)$  is non-algebraic. By claim 2, we can assume that  $B, B_j \leq BB_0 \dots B_i \leq \mathcal{M}$  for each  $i, j$  with  $j \leq i < \omega$ . So we have  $\text{tp}(B_j/A) = \text{tp}(B/A)$  for each  $j < \omega$ . By (iii) of claim 1,  $B_j$ 's are pairwise distinct. Hence  $\text{tp}(B/A)$  is not algebraic.

**Proposition 9** Let  $A \leq B \leq \mathcal{M}$  and  $A = \text{acl}(A) \cap B$ . Then  $\text{acl}(A) \perp_A B$  and  $\text{acl}(A) \cup B \leq \mathcal{M}$ .

**Proof** We can assume that  $A, B$  are finite. We will show that  $A^* \perp_A B$  and  $A^*B \leq \mathcal{M}$  for any finite  $A^* \leq \text{acl}(A)$  with  $A \subset A^*$ . Take  $A = A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_n = A^*$  with  $A_{i+1}$  minimal over  $A_i$  for each  $i < n$ . Then it is enough to show

that  $A_i \perp_{A_0} B$  and  $A_i B \leq \mathcal{M}$  for each  $i \leq n$ . (Proof: We prove by induction on  $i$ . Clearly  $A_i \leq A_{i+1}$ ,  $A_{i+1} \cap A_i B = A_i$  and  $\text{tp}(A_{i+1}/A_i)$  is algebraic. By induction hypothesis,  $A_i B \leq \mathcal{M}$ . So we have  $A_{i+1} \perp_{A_i} B$  and  $A_{i+1} B \leq \mathcal{M}$  by lemma. By induction hypothesis,  $A_i \perp_{A_0} B$ , and hence  $A_{i+1} \perp_{A_0} B$ .)

**Theorem 10** Let  $B, C \leq \mathcal{M}$  and  $A = B \cap C$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\text{tp}(B/C)$  does not fork over  $A$ ;
- (ii)  $B \perp_A C$  and  $BC \cup \text{acl}(A) \leq \mathcal{M}$ .

**Proof** By proposition 9,  $B \cup \text{acl}(A), C \cup \text{acl}(A) \leq \mathcal{M}$ . So, by fact 7, (i) is equivalent to  $B \perp_{\text{acl}(A)} C$  and  $BC \cup \text{acl}(A) \leq \mathcal{M}$ . Therefore, proving that (i) and (ii) are equivalent, it is enough to show that  $B \perp_{\text{acl}(A)} C$  if and only if  $B \perp_A C$ . We can assume that  $A, B, C$  is finite. Take any finite  $A^* \leq \text{acl}(A)$  with  $BC \cap \text{acl}(A) \subset A^*$ . Then we will show that  $B \perp_{A^*} C$  if and only if  $B \perp_A C$ . Let  $B' = B \cap A^*, C' = C \cap A^*$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $\text{tp}(A^*/B'C')$  is algebraic, we have  $A^* \perp_{B'C'} BC$ . So, from  $B \perp_{A^*} C$  it follows that  $B \perp_{B'C'} C$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{tp}(B'/C')$  and  $\text{tp}(C'/A)$  are algebraic, we have  $B' \perp_{C'} C$  and  $B \perp_A C'$ . Hence we have  $B \perp_A C$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) By  $B \perp_A C$ , we have  $B \perp_{B'C'} C$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{tp}(A^*/B'C')$  is algebraic, we have  $A^* \perp_{B'C'} BC$ . Hence  $B \perp_{A^*} C$ .

**Corollary 11** Let  $L$  be a countable relational language and  $\mathbf{K}$  a class of finite  $L$ -structures that is derived from a predimension  $\delta$ . Then there is no  $\mathbf{K}$ -generic structure that is superstable but not  $\omega$ -stable.

**Proof** Suppose that a theory  $T$  of a  $\mathbf{K}$ -generic structure is superstable. Take any countable model  $N$  of  $T$ .

Claim: For any  $p \in S(N)$  there is finite  $A \subset N$  such that  $p$  does not fork over  $A$  and  $p|_A$  is stationary.

Proof: Take a realization  $\bar{b}$  of  $p$ . By superstability, there is finite  $X \subset N$  such that  $p$  does not fork over  $X$ . Let  $B = \text{cl}(X\bar{b})$  and  $A = B \cap N$ . Clearly  $p$  does not fork over  $A$ . We show that  $\text{tp}(\bar{b}/A)$  is stationary. Take any  $\bar{b}'$  such that  $\text{tp}(\bar{b}'/A) = \text{tp}(\bar{b}/A)$  and  $\text{tp}(\bar{b}'/N)$  does not fork over  $A$ . Let  $B' = \text{cl}(\bar{b}'A)$ . Then  $\text{tp}(B/N)$  and  $\text{tp}(B'/N)$  do not fork over  $A$ . Since  $\text{tp}(\bar{b}/A) = \text{tp}(\bar{b}'/A)$ , we have  $B \cong_A B'$ . Note that  $B \cap N = B' \cap N = A$ . By theorem,  $B \perp_A N, B' \perp_A N$  and  $BN, B'N \leq \mathcal{M}$ . In particular,  $BN \cong B'N$ . It follows that  $\text{tp}(BN) = \text{tp}(B'N)$  and hence  $\text{tp}(b/N) = \text{tp}(b'/N)$ . (End of Proof of Claim)

By claim, we have  $|S(N)| \leq \aleph_0 \cdot |S(T)| = \aleph_0$ . Hence  $T$  is  $\omega$ -stable.

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